Faculty Senate Minutes

April 14, 2020

**Willamette Room, WUC**

*Primarily paperless, wou.edu/facultysenate*

# **3:15 - 3:30 p.m.**

*Better Know a Colleague (informal gathering, optional)*

# **3:30 - 5:00 p.m.**

*Business Meeting*

## **1. Call to order: 3:30 p.m.**

## **2. Call of the roll (by online sign-in sheet)**

## **3. Corrections to and approval of minutes from previous meeting**

### **3.1. March 10th Meeting**

* Approved as posted

## **4. Institutional Reports**

### **4.1. Faculty Senate President’s Report (Kristin Latham-Scott)**

* Report available on Faculty Senate website.
* Highlights: Intro to WebEx; FSEC statement on committee meetings in Spring 2020; information about S\*/NC Grading; “Share your news!” button on Faculty Senate website

### **4.2. University President’s Report (Rex Fuller)**

* Report available on the faculty senate website.
* Report highlights: Thanks to all faculty for converting their courses to online delivery; Board of Trustees are meeting tomorrow via WebEx; student housing update; Spring enrollment update; CARES Act update; capital submission update
* **Question:** Are there more details on the Rice and Smith renovation plans?
  + **Comment from Rob:** There is a meeting scheduled on Friday with Dean Kassidy, Michael Smith, and Dave McDonald, and are working based on a proposal

### **4.3. Office of Academic Affairs’ Report (Rob Winningham)**

* Report available on faculty senate website.
* Report highlights: instructional resiliency website; course status and course fees report; update on S/NC grading; update on International Education and Development Office

**4.4. IFS Report (Thaddeus Shannon, Emily Plec)**

* No spring meeting planned as of yet; there may be a virtual meeting.
* A lot of discussion at IFS about faculty concerns or protections:
  + Pass/Fail grading
  + Spring term evaluations

**4.5. Gen Ed Report (Camila Gabaldon)**

No report.

## **5. Faculty Senate Business**

**5.1 Election of Executive Committee officers (Adele Schepige, nominating committee Chair)**

* Nomination committee forming to vet Executive Committee meetings for next academic year (20-21).
* Exec Members: Adele Schepige; Kristin Latham-Scott
* Two additional members are needed from Faculty Senate
* President, VP, and Secretary positions can be self-nominations or nominating other people. Anyone nominated by someone other than themselves will be approached by the nominating committee to determine interest.
* Position descriptions are in the faculty senate bylaws.

## **6. Consideration of Old Business**

**6.1 Proposed BAS degree: Professional Studies in the Deaf Community (Amanda Smith)**

* Link to curriculum portal on faculty senate website.
* Motion to approve
* Motion Seconded
  + Approve: 26
  + Reject:
  + **Motion approved**

## **7. Consideration of New Business**

**7.1 Proposed BAS degree: Proposal to modify our academic calendar (Mike Baltzley)**

* Link to proposal and presentation on faculty senate website.
* **Question:** What is the process after Faculty Senate votes on this?
  + Faculty Senate probably doesn’t have the power to change this directly.
  + **Comment from Rob:** There would be a different process for Veteran’s Day and we would need to notify SEIU by July 1st. President Fuller and I discussed this and we don’t think the process is written out anywhere but President Fuller would defer to Academic Affairs, Faculty Senate, and the Registrar’s office, when planning this.
  + **Comment from Amy Clark:** We could do this for 2021, but do have a 5-year calendar, so a decision should come soon.
* **Comment from Kristin Latham-Scott:** At Faculty Senate Executive, we wanted to make sure this was run by divisions to catch any problems, and also wanted to make sure that faculty understand they have obligations on the days when classes aren’t being held, and that they aren’t just days off.
  + I would be fine if a vote were to be delayed until May so people have time to take it back to their divisions. So far as faculty obligations and making sure faculty
* **Question:** Could the days off be rotated? DEL has a lot of one-day classes that meet either on Thursday or Friday, and cancelling a whole day of one of those would have a huge impact. I am also thinking back to that presentation on seat usage in buildings on campus, and how Friday was not used heavily at all.
  + Long-term planning may be easier with knowledge of specific days off every term (i.e. Thursday and Friday of Week 9)
* **Comment from Kristin Latham-Scott:** This could be tabled if we want to wait until after divisions meetings.
  + Move to postpone vote and discussion until May 12th - 22 approve
    - Mike Baltzley is happy to attend Division Meetings to discuss this if that is helpful.

## **8. Discussion items**

No discussion items.

## **9. Informational Presentations and Committee Reports**

### **7.1 UDIAC – Diversity Strategic Plan & Draft Land Acknowledgement statement (Jaclyn Caires-Hurley, Ken Carano)**

* Link to strategic plan and draft statement on Faculty Senate Website.
* **Question**: What is a good method for faculty to get comments to UDIAC?
  + Email Ken or UDIAC with comments and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

**7.2 WOU Foundation Updates (Patty Flatt)**

* Foundation board is embarking on a 25 million dollar campaign.
* Two recent campaigns:
  + 100 opportunities campaign ($100,000 over last two years for $1,000 scholarships).
  + Giving Day campaign (a single day for donations which started three years ago: first year raised $33,000; second year $66,000; third year $140,000)
* This spring, Foundation is shifting gears to focus on student needs and online fund raising.
* $25 million campaign in an endowment

## **Meeting adjourned: 4:38 pm**

# **5 – 5:15 p.m.**

*Better Know a Colleague* (informal gathering continued, optional)